A quarrel in the streets of Verona has taken place! This is a feud between the Capulet family and the Montague family. Sources say this situation was started many years ago by a simple insult. This grudge is years long! It has just recently been escalated by a letter sent to the Montague household by Tybalt Capulet, challenging Romeo Montague to a duel.

When Romeo got this letter about a duel he quickly went to find Tybalt to settle the dispute. Before Romeo could find Tybalt, Tybalt was already in a getting ready to start a duel with Mercutio Escalus, a close relative to the Prince of Verona. Tybalt has started this duel with Mercutio because Mercutio was sticking up for his friend Romeo. When Romeo came to the scene, Tybalt and Mercutio were already busy fighting. Romeo did not want to have a duel with the Capulet family members; we are not sure what the reason for this is when both the families do not like each other. Sources have said that as the fighting continued Romeo got in between Tybalt and Mercutio. As Romeo stuck his arm between the two Tybalt made one quick swing with his dagger and stabbed Mercutio under Romeos arm. After the stabbing of Mercutio, Tybalt flies.

Once Tybalt is gone, Romeo asks Mercutio

Where he is wounded and how bad the wound is. Mercutio then tells Romeo the wound is bad enough he may die. Mercutio also tells Romeo he will soon need to find a grave for him. Benvolio Montague comes to tell Romeo, Mercutio has died. Benvolio then points out that Tybalt is back, again. The duel between Romeo Montague and Tybalt Capulet, just what Tybalt wanted in the beginning? Soon after the duel began Tybalt is falls to the ground, wounded.

As all the people in town arrived, to see what had happened. Benvolio then tells them Tybalt killed Mercutio. Then that Romeo killed Tybalt, Lady Capulet then exclaimed “Tybalt my cousin! O, my brother’s child!” Lady Capulet now wants Romeo Montague dead for killing her relative. When she tells the police that he should be ordered dead, the Prince does not decide to kill him. He decides that Romeo Montague be exiled immediately.

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